

Dear FCC, I am writing to recommend you reject NAB's petition 04-160 which aims to prevent XM radio from offering local instant traffic and weather. Broadcast radio has no right to limit the services that subscribers to satellite radio receive. This would be no different than preventing cable television from offering news and weather. Your role in the FCC should not be to allow special interests to control what and how American citizens get their information. It should be noted that the FCC's own role in allowing only a few large media outlets to control so much of broadcast radio, has been a major stimulus for the creation of technology like satellite radio.

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